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SUBJ: MBFR: TIMING OF INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III

1. MISSION WISHES TO CALL ATTENTION TO FACTORS AFFECTING
THE SCHEDULING OF INITIAL MEETINGS IN NATO ON OPTION III.

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, UK AND FRG DELEGATIONS HOPE THAT
THE U.S. WILL MAKE ITS INITIAL NAC PRESENTATION OF OPTION III
PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS, IN ORDER TO FORE-
STALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM GOVERNMENTS NOT INCLUDED

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IN TRILATERALS. THIS WOULD MEAN INTRODUCTION PRIOR TO MAY

22-23 DPC MINISTERIAL.

3. MISSION BELIEVES THAT AFTER THE RESTRICTED NAC WHERE U.S. INTRODUCES OPTION III, THERE SHOULD BE AN INTERVAL OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE FIRST SPC MEETING REINFORCED BY EXPERTS. THIS WOULD ENABLE EXPERTS FROM COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE TRILATERAL TO STUDY THE U.S. PAPER, AND TO ARRANGE THEIR SCHEDULES TO PERMIT ATTENDANCE.

4. NATO WILL BE LARGELY PREOCCUPIED WITH MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS FROM MAY 22-30. IF THE U.S. MAKES ITS PRESENTATION DURING WEEK OF MAY 12, OR LATER, BEST COURSE WOULD APPEAR TO BE HAVING REINFORCED SPC MEETING AFTER SUMMIT. MAY 19, 20, 26 AND 27 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTRODUCTION OF OPTION III INTO NAC IF DATES SLIPPED BEYOND WEEK OF MAY 12.
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